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Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing
is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s)
according to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.41(c).

Inventor(s): ISHIDA, Hironobu

For: PRINTING SYSTEM

Enclosed are:

A specification consisting of 28 pages

9 sheet(s) of _____ drawings

Certified copy of Priority Document(s)

Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 CFR 1.64 will follow

Applicant claims small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR 1.27

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Information Sheet

Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 with reference(s)

Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 CFR 1.76

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Applicant requests early publication

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The application transmitted herewith is filed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.41(c). The undersigned has been authorized by the inventor(s) to file the present application. The original duly executed patent application together with the surcharge will be forwarded in due course.

A check in the amount of \$1,052.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.

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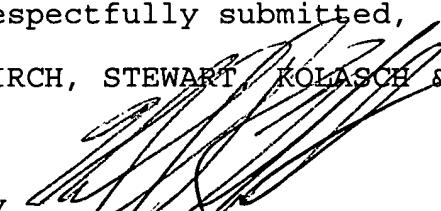
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The above information is submitted to advise the USPTO of all relevant facts in connection with the present application. A timely executed Declaration in accordance with 37 CFR 1.64 will follow.

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